THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The programme has been progressing on schedule for realising the Geo-stationary Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) with cryogenic engine in 1995.

(d) Does not arise.

Unemployed Graduate Engineers in Assam

*147. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of unemployed graduate engineers in Assam at present;

(b) since when they are unemployed; and

(c) whether any scheme has been chalked out by Government either State or Central to provide employment to those engineers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) As per the information available on the basis of certain studies made in 1990, the estimated number of unemployed degree holders in Engineering in Assam was 140. Information regarding the period for which they were unemployed is not available.

The Eighth Five Year Plan envisages a geographically and crop-wise diversified agricultural development, development of rural non-farm sector, faster growth of small and decentralised manufacturing, expansion of housing, health services and education and strengthening of infrastructure like energy, transport, communication and irrigation which should generate substantial employment opportunities for the educated, including technical and other graduates. As per information available, the State Government in their Eighth Plan or in the Annual Plan for 1992-93 have not suggested any special employment scheme for the unemployed engineers.

Project reports regarding Growth centres in States

*148. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of project reports for the growth centre schemes received from each State Government as on March, 1992;

(b) the number of such projects approved by the Apex committee and how many were cleared by the Ministry;

(c) whether it is a fact that the budgetary allocations for these schemes were not fully utilised in the years 1990-91; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to approve the pending project reports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) A statement showing the total number of project reports received from each of the State Governments and the number of projects approved by the Central Government is attached [*See* below].

(c) Out of a provision of Rs. 30 crores in the year 1990-91 a sum of Rs. 15 crores was utilised under the Scheme.

(d) Till the end of March 1992, 48 project reports were received out of which 22 reports have been approved. A sum of Rs. 41 crores has been released towards the approved reports. In addition, to provisional release of Rs. 10.50 crores has been made in respect of reports received upto 31-12-91 and which are under appraisal.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of Project Reports Received	No. of Project Reports Approved and Cleared
1	Andhra Pradesh	4	3
2	Goa	1	—
3	Gujarat	3	—
4	Haryana	2	1
5	Jammu & Kashmir	1	1
6	Karnataka	3	3
7	Kerala	2	—
8	Madhya Pradesh	5	5
7	Maharashtra	5	4
10	Nagaland	1	—
11	Orissa	3	—
12	Punjab	2	2
13	Rajasthan	5	2
14	Tamil Nadu	2	1
15	Tripura	1	—
16	Uttar Pradesh	8	—
	TOTAL	48	22

Uniform Wage Policy

*149. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to examine the wage-structure in the country has finalised its report; and

(b) if so, by when the recommendations of the Committee will be implemented for uniform wage policy in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The Government have not set up any committee to examine the wage structure in the country. However, a high-level committee of experts headed by Shri H. N. Ray has been set up to study and examine the structure of emoluments of the employees in the Central Government, Public Sector Enterprises and nationalised banks, etc., *inter-alia* for preparing a document to enable the Government to take a view on the trends of wages of employees in these sectors and to consider evolving a common formula for the grant of Dearness Allowance. The Committee is expected to submit its report within a period of four months.

(b) Does not arise.

Blackmarketing of essential commodities through fake ration cards

*150. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that millions of fake ration cards exist in the country resulting in blackmarketing of essential commodities meant for poor people;

(b) if so, what is the approximate number of such cards in each State and Union Territory;

(c) whether Government are aware that most of the fake ration cards are issued in connivance with the rationing inspectors;